

# THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1905.

## WHAT HAPPENED AND HAPPENING.

Thomas Campbell has leased the Planters Hotel in Mexico.

B. W. Hall of Mexico and A. Stone of Martinsburg are new readers of the MESSAGE.

Mrs. Grace Fletcher, southwest of Mexico, took seriously sick with pneumonia latter part of last week.

The Mexico Clothing Co. are moving into their elegant new quarters, the French building, west of Fredendall & Wilkins.

The young folks and old folks and the whole country round about enjoyed a Christmas tree and literary program at Salt River Christian church, near Gant, last Monday night.

Fire caught in the kitchen of H. P. Warden's home last Saturday afternoon. The fire department was called out, but the blaze was extinguished before the fire fighters arrived.

Rev. W. Beale, late of this county, has located at Hugo, I. T., and writes the MESSAGE that he is comfortably situated and that his work there is one of promise. He orders the MESSAGE to his address.

Rev. James Bradley has been feasting on a big 20-pound turkey sent him by his daughter, Mrs. M. W. Ryals, at Randolph Springs. The rest of the family better watch that preacher, he might get too much turkey.

Misses Anna Koenig and Nannie Wright, primary teachers in the Mexico schools, directed their classes in a Christmas entertainment Friday afternoon. Recitations, singing and reading of Christmas poems was the program.

The Wabash R. R. is arranging to do a costly piece of paving around the new depot in Mexico. The paving and the platform will extend west nearly to the Clark avenue viaduct from which point an iron stairway will likely be built, connecting the platform with the viaduct.

Our excellent and young-hearted friend W. A. Davis, of near Thompson, is home from a year's stay at Caney, I. T., where he has some property interests. Mr. Davis celebrated his 83rd birthday last October, but he is no older in his ways and good cheer than a young fellow just out of his teens.

The Epworth League of the Mexico Methodist church has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Miss Maude Wallace; 1st vice-president, Mrs. A. Hughes; 2nd vice-president, Miss Mary Ricketts; 3d vice-president, Miss Martha Frost; 4th vice-president, Mrs. W. L. Reed; secretary, A. B. Smith; treasurer, Eugene Kent.

G. E. Laforce and wife, now of St. Louis, visited Mexico friends this week. Mr. Laforce has a position with Dr. Pinkney French and Mrs. Laforce has a place with Barr's. They are delighted with St. Louis and like their work. Mr. Laforce retains a nice home in Mexico, to which he and his wife can resort any time they get tired of the din and noise of the city.

The funeral of J. G. Holt was held Sunday afternoon, instead of Saturday as by mistake is announced on another page of this paper. Mr. Holt was a native of Indiana, locating when quite young in Kansas City where for a number of years he was in the music business. He was an earnest churchman, a member of the Christian church. The pallbearers at the funeral here were: S. M. Locke, J. A. Abbey, W. S. Eller, E. R. Locke, Halsey Matthews and J. C. Mandy.

## A BIG FIRE AT FULTON.

Odd Fellows Building Destroyed—\$30,000 Loss.

Fulton, Mo., Dec. 24.—The Odd Fellows' building and the D. M. Tucker business house adjoining burned this morning between 5 and 6 o'clock, entailing a loss of \$30,000. The first story of the Odd Fellows' building was occupied by the People's store, owned by W. H. Weekly. The stock was greatly damaged by water and smoke. The second and third stories of the building is a total loss. The Odd Fellows lost paraphernalia and furniture to the amount of about \$1,600, covered by \$1,000 insurance. The building was valued at \$12,000, with \$6,000 insurance. The Tucker building was occupied by Bush & Everhart, grocers. The building and stock were a total loss. The stock was valued at \$5,000 with \$2,500 insurance. The building was valued at \$4,500, with \$1,500 insurance. Godfrey & Atchison, furniture dealers adjoining the Tucker building, sustained considerable smoke and water damage. The fire started in the Bush & Everhart grocery store. The origin is unknown. The fire department from the hospital for the insane rendered valuable assistance to the city fire department in preventing the fire from destroying the entire block.

## Oratorical Contest.

Centralia, Mo., Dec. 23.—The annual oratorical contest for the Hope gold medal was held in the opera house in this city last night before a large audience. The medals were awarded to Harold Burks and Miss Lucy Berry. There were eight contestants.

## CUPID'S CAPTIVES.

Mr. W. A. Nelson and Miss Clara Lou Vattlerodt, both of Vandalia, were granted marriage license last Saturday.

Judge W. W. Botts united in marriage Tuesday afternoon Mr. G. V. Moore and Miss Anna Lanzar, both of Callaway county.

The marriage of Mr. Erwin Juhre of Rogers, Ark., and Miss Vera Smith was solemnized at Hardin College last evening, Rev. C. C. Seelman officiating. Little Miss Anella Graham, ring-bearer.

Marriage licenses were issued last Saturday as follows: J. C. Turner and Miss Lillian Mumson, Wm. Congers and Miss Ethel Canby, all of this county; A. O. Wilson of Ogden, Iowa, and Miss Susie Holmes of Audrain.

## ATCHISON-COTTER.

The Globe-Democrat of Tuesday of this week contained the following announcement:

Miss Mae E. Cotter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cotter, and Thomas W. Atchison were married Sunday evening at Alton. The marriage was the culmination of a romance begun in a telephone exchange at Alton. Miss Cotter was chief operator at one office and Mr. Atchison was manager of another, and their work often threw them together. Recently Mr. Atchison was given charge of a new exchange at Terre Haute, Indiana. Miss Cotter kept her engagement secret until a week ago, when she told her parents.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father E. L. Spalding at the residence of Bishop James Ryan on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. The couple were attended by William Richards and Misses Lucy and Nellie Cotter. Mr. and Mrs. Atchison will leave for Terre Haute to-day.

Mr. Atchison is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Atchison of Mexico and sent a telegram here Sunday announcing his marriage.

"Tom" Atchison is all right. No one here thought he would ever get married, but he fooled 'em. Mr. Atchison formerly held the offices of deputy sheriff and deputy collector of this county. We extend him and his bride congratulations and best wishes.

## YOUR NEIGHBORS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. O'neer are visiting in Troy.

Dr. K. R. Bragg and wife are visiting in Troy.

Frank McCord and wife are visiting at Charleston, Ill.

Minor E. Botts is home from Gem City Business College.

Prof. R. B. Finley is visiting friends at Bloomington, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roxy Precht of St. Louis are visiting Mexico relatives.

John A. Guthrie, Jr., is home for the holidays from William Jewell College.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Callen and Dr. Paul E. Coil are visiting Perry relatives.

Virgil Williams, Jr., of Sedalia, is here to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Polly Cledenin, attending school in St. Louis, is home for the holidays.

Prof. S. T. Davis is attending the State Teachers' meeting in Jefferson City.

Prof. Basil Brewer, attending school in Chicago, is visiting Mexico friends.

Tom Baskett of St. Louis visited his parents here this week. Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Baskett.

Prof. L. B. Hawthorne is attending the State Teachers' meeting in Jefferson City.

Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Hinde are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. J. Card Hinde of Madison, Ill.

Frank Bush, C. & A. agent at Corder, is visiting his parents northwest of Mexico.

Miss Kate Duncan, teacher in the Mexico public schools, is visiting Collinsville, Ill., friends.

Miss Irma Johnson and her cousin, Miss Leola Willey, are visiting St. Louis relatives.

W. E. Young, north of Martinsburg, paid the MESSAGE a pleasant business call last Saturday.

Mr. Loring Shinn and sister, Miss Pearl, of Vandalia, visited Mexico friends this week.

Miss Bessie Seabee of Mexico is entertaining her young friend, Miss Edith Torreyson, of Laddonia.

Mrs. Aubrey Bush, wife of the editor of the Fulton Sun, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. P. Emmons, in Mexico.

Charley Cleveland, of the Mexico Custom Mills, and wife are spending the holidays with friends at Decatur, Ill.

Miss Mary V. Houston, of the Salisbury Spectator, is here to spend the holidays with her father, Dr. W. M. Houston.

Chas. Winkler, who is a traveling salesman in Kansas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winkler, at Rush Hill.

Ed. Machin, northeast of Martinsburg, was in Mexico last Saturday. He now gets his MESSAGE F. R. D. from Wellsville.

Miss Trixie Turley, attending school in Fulton, is spending the holidays with her parents in Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Turley.

Dr. and Mrs. Cole of Sedalia are visiting the families of Mrs. Cole's sister here, Mrs. James T. Johnson, and Mrs. Cole's brother, Dr. E. S. Cave.

Prof. T. J. Rodhouse, of the State University, and his wife visited the parents of the former southwest of Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rodhouse, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Myers, on route No. 5, southeast of Mexico, made the MESSAGE a pleasant call Tuesday. This paper counts them two of our best friends out that way.

Slater Rastler: Miss Anna Gabb, who makes her home with the family of C. D. Rodgers in Mexico, was here last week on a visit to her parents. She informs us that Mr. Rodgers has decided to locate in Vernon, Texas, and his family will go there in a few days.

The case of Thomas Roden vs. Thomas Helm et al has been reversed and remanded by the Supreme Court and will be retried in the Audrain Circuit Court.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

### MARTINSBURG.

Mrs. Late Diggs who has been seriously ill for some time is better.

Mrs. Etta Huss of Mexico and Mrs. Cinthy — of Chicago, Mr. Geo. Walker, of Kansas, Houly Walker of Joplin, Mo., Marvin Walker of Omaha, Neb., have all been called home to the bedside of their sister, Mrs. Diggs.

N. M. Friedman was a Mexico visitor Friday.

Evert Hibbert is home from Colorado on a visit to his parents here.

Aunt Lou Gass, an old colored lady and one of the oldest citizen here, died last Thursday.

Little Camille Moore who has been visiting her aunt went to her home in Pike Co. last Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Walker and daughter are spending Christmas with friends in Wellsville.

Miss Eckler of St. Louis is visiting her brother, Percy Eckler, north of town.

Mrs. H. A. Overbaugh's mother is visiting her this week.

Miss Ara McGrew is spending the holidays in Hardin, Mo., with Dr. McGrew and family.

Miss Melia Rogers left Saturday for Texas where she expects to spend the winter. She will also visit relatives in Indian Territory and Oklahoma and return in time to open up her business in the spring.

### SUN RISE.

Merry Christmas to our editor and all our readers.

Our school closed quietly Saturday for a week of vacation.

We attended excellent entertainments at Hickory Grove school. Miss Pearl Tucker, teacher; Erisman, Miss Goldie Emerson, teacher, and Eureka with Miss May Jackson as teacher. All were well attended and highly enjoyed.

Rev. Copher will preach at Unity church next Sunday.

Francis Laws came home from Kansas City to spend Christmas.

Miss Lucy Hawkins is spending Christmas with Mrs. John Laws.

Dr. Frank Harrison of Fulton and Jim Harrison of E. St. Louis spent Christmas at home with their sister and brother.

Bro. Chinn preached two excellent sermons at Benton City Sunday. He soon departs for a two or perhaps three month's visit in Florida.

Taylor Arnold bought 4,000 bu. of corn from Chas. Allison at 38c per bu.

Earl Douglass and Bud Dawson have purchased a new wood saw.

Neal Shahan's calves have been dying with black leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Douglass of Wellsville were the guests of his brother, Cale, last week.

Mrs. Brewn's sister and brother from Boone Co. are visiting her.

### RUSH HILL.

All quiet and full of business.

Lee Stuart shipped 5 cars of cattle and one load of hogs to St. Louis Tuesday.

G. L. Keithley and wife of Cabool, Texas Co., Mo., are spending Christmas with J. L. Carnes and wife. Mr. Keithley is president of the Merchant's Bank of Cabool, and is also a heavy stock shipper. He frequently has a whole train load of cattle on the market at one time. His wife is a niece of Mrs. Carnes.

### BEAN CREEK.

Rev. J. T. Akins preached at Gilead Sunday. Text: Luke 2:7. His exposition was resplendent with "good will toward men," making his hearers know they must make room for Christ now if they should expect Him to make room for them in heaven.

Our beloved pastor, R. E. McQuale, presented us with a handsome teacher's Bible, with a selection of new and revised helps which really help in the study of the Word.

# Assignee's Public Sale!

By order of J. D. Barnett, Judge of the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Missouri, I will sell for cash at public auction January 16th, 1906, at the east front door of the Court House in the City of Mexico, Mo., between the hours of 12:30 and 5 p. m. of said date, the following described property:

**FARM:**—80 acres, 1 1-2 miles south of Mexico, Audrain Co., Mo., 65 acres in thrifty orchard, mostly apples of standard varieties just beginning to bear; 15 acres in bluegrass; 2 good houses with modern improvements; 2 barns; extra good well with windmill; land good and lays well.

**FARM:**—160 acres, 3 miles south of Mexico; brick house; 120 acres in orchard, mostly apples, standard varieties; trees 5 or 6 years old, in good healthy condition; 40 acres in grass and corn; good land and valuable property.

**FARM:**—435 acres 6 miles south of Mexico, 3-4 miles of railroad station; 2 houses and barns, well watered, living well; one of the best stock and grain farms in this part of the state.

**DOUBLE OFFICE BUILDING:**—Of pressed brick and stone situated in Mexico, Missouri; this office building contains 5 rooms, vault basement, heating plant and all modern improvements.

**COMPLETE ABSTRACT BOOKS:**—Of Audrain County, Missouri; these are the only complete abstract books of the county, and will either sell with building or separate.

I will also sell in front of the Post Office at Sarcoux, Missouri, January 20th, the following described property:

**APPLE ORCHARD:**—160 acres, 3 miles south of Sarcoux in Newton County; this farm is all in apples, 2-3 Ben Davis, 1-3 Missouri Pippin; trees 14 years old. This is said to be the best apple orchard in Missouri. The land lays well and is situated in the great mineral belt of the state. Good house, well, barn and other improvements.

C. F. CLARK, Assignee for M. B. Guthrie.

something we have long desired and do greatly appreciate.

Horace Mundy inspected the Powell's Ford herd of Poland Chinas and found them "so good he could not leave them" without the best specimen there was left to choose, and he got a beauty sure.

Wm. Mongler and wife attended the Christmas tree at Duly school house Friday evening.

Emmett Byars and sisters and Josie Martien attended the entertainment at Weaver school house Friday eve. Report good program well rendered, of course.

Mrs. Rogers considers herself fortunate in securing a few Langshan pullets from the beautiful flock of Mrs. I. P. Dyer.

Have just received a full account of a meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union at Texarkana, Tex. Representatives from twelve states were present. A national organization was perfected. H. M. Ray of Neosho was there and was elected to the office of Doorkeeper. The principles of Equity, Justice and the Golden Rule were sustained and strong resolutions were adopted. Greater advancement is confidently expected.

John Simpson of Monroe is spending the holidays with the family of S. D. Willingham.

Claude Inlow arrived home from California in time to spend the holidays with old friends.

Theodore Barnes and wife entertained Sunday. Plates were laid for 42. Dinner was served in five courses. The national bird with the usual complements was thoroughly discussed.

S. B. Willingham and wife had a Christmas tree Sunday eve for the benefit of their family and near relatives. Needless to add it was an entire success.

H. C. Swift of St. Louis is spending the holidays with his parents, T. J. and wife.

Wesley Stewart of Mexico spent several days last week with the family of R. T. Byars.

Emmett, Lonnie Illey Byars are visiting relatives south of Mexico. The usual tokens of "good will"

have been distributed among friends, and one fair maiden, we notice, has a token of endless affection. Would like to offer congratulations but dare not call the name.

### POWELL FORD

A very quiet Christmas in this locality.

There was a Christmas tree at J. P. Powell's Christmas eve. Old Santa made glad many hearts.

Turkey-dinners seem to be numerous and very enjoyable.

Miss Alicia Mason of Columbia is the guest of relatives here, also of Miss Carrie Kennan of Mexico.

Miss Kathryn Cook closed her school last Friday. She will resume her school duties in the spring.

Misses Lelia Willey and Lida Powell are home for a week's vacation.

Miss Winifred Fox closed school at Carter for the holidays.

Geo. Lewis is digging a well on his farm.

Elmer Dowell of St. Louis visited his parents last week.

W. McMurtry and family are visiting relatives in Concord.

Conrad Schutte is spending the holidays with relatives in Illinois.

John X. Brown is in Texas.

Albert Kennon is here to visit his family from Arkansas.

Attorney C. A. Barnes was in Kansas City this week on business.

The Molino school, Miss Mary Coakley teacher, gave an entertainment last Friday night.

Misses Alma and Mary Rowe, attending school at Lexington, are spending the holidays with their parents at Rowena.

The State meeting of the County Assessors' Association is to be held in Mexico Feb. 7 and 8. C. D. Brown of Sedalia is president of the organization and Rufus Jackson of Mexico is vice-president. The State Board of Equalization will meet here at the same time and Gov. Folk, who is a member of the Board, will likely deliver an address.